

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of the Claims will replace all prior listings and versions of the Claims in the application.

- 1 (currently amended) An article for smoking an elongate tobacco product  
2 ~~comprising~~consisting essentially of:
- 3 a) a mouthpiece having an inside surface and an outside surface,  
4 ~~comprising~~consisting of a first end defining a receptacle therein and  
5 a second end ~~comprising~~having an outside surface capable of  
6 being grasped in a smoker's mouth and defining an outlet chamber  
7 within the mouthpiece, wherein said mouthpiece consists of a  
8 single piece of molded plastic ;
- 9 b) a holder, the holder being directly inserted into the receptacle in the  
10 mouthpiece, the holder ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:
- 11 i) a first section disposed at an end of the holder defining an  
12 inside chamber capable of holding the elongate tobacco  
13 product in place and allowing a volume for collection of  
14 combustion products therein, the first section having an  
15 outside surface with a diameter too large to fit into the  
16 receptacle in the mouth piece,
- 17 ii) a second section in series with the first section and having  
18 an inside and an outside surface, the second section  
19 contoured to fit into the receptacle in the mouthpiece and  
20 defining a continuation of the inside chamber,
- 21 iii) a first annular support and a second annular support on the  
22 outside surface of the second section, each annular support  
23 being capable of holding a resilient ring thereon, and  
24 iv) an annular baffle on the outside surface of the second  
25 section between the first annular support and the second  
26 annular support;
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28 c) two resilient rings, one resilient ring supported on each annular  
29 support, wherein the mouthpiece and the holder are contoured  
30 such that when the holder is inserted into the mouthpiece the two  
31 resilient rings are in snug contact with the inner surface of the  
32 mouthpiece forming a sealed chamber between them in the annular  
33 space between the outside surface of the second section and the  
34 inside surface of the mouthpiece, and wherein the holder defines at  
35 least one two restricted passages from the inside chamber to the  
36 sealed chamber, said at least one two restricted passages being  
37 directed towards the inside surface of the mouthpiece between the  
38 two annular supports, and wherein the holder further defines an exit  
39 passage having two at least one inlets between the baffle and the  
40 second annular support and an exit into the outlet chamber of the  
41 mouthpiece;  
42 d) wherein the holder consists of a single piece of molded plastic[.];  
43 and  
44 e) wherein said holder consists further of a barrier in series with the  
45 inside chamber such that combustion products can only pass  
46 between the inside chamber and the outlet chamber through a path  
47 through the two restricted passages, the sealed chamber and the  
48 exit passage in sequence.  
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1 2 (cancelled)

1 3 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
2 cigarette of the type without an integral filter.

1 4 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
2 cigarette with an integral filter.

- 1 5 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
2 cigar.
- 1 6 (previously presented)The article of claim 1 wherein the resilient rings are  
2 o-rings.
- 1 7 (original) The article of claim 6 wherein the mouthpiece comprises  
2 polystyrene, the holder comprises Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, and the  
3 resilient rings are rubber o-rings.
- 1 8 (previously presented) The article of claim 6 wherein the holder has  
2 symmetry about a central plane, wherein any cross section perpendicular  
3 to the central plane is circular.
- 1 9 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the at least one restricted passage  
2 is perpendicular to the central plane of symmetry whereby combustion  
3 products are made to change direction by approximately 90 degrees in  
4 passing between the second inside chamber and the sealed chamber.
- 1 10 (cancelled)
- 1 11 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the exit passage causes a change  
2 in direction, whereby combustion products are made to change direction  
3 by approximately 90 degrees in passing between the sealed chamber and  
4 the outlet chamber.
- 1 12 (Cancelled)
- 1 13 (Cancelled).
- 14- 18 (Cancelled)